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K-State increases sustainability, recognizes weaknesses

Recycling rates up, university looks to increase opportunities to recycle

Sam Diederich

Before a child can walk, certain stages of failure and progression must occur. Crawling turns into slow baby steps, baby steps turn into balance, and after time, balance brings about easy walking.

K-State's level of sustainability is probably somewhere in between baby steps and balance.

On the one hand, K-State was recently named to the Princeton Review's "Guide to 311 Green Colleges" for the second straight year, a feat to which the University of Kansas cannot lay claim.

On the other hand, RecycleMa-

nia, a seven-week international recycling competition, ended last week, and K-State finished behind five of the seven participating Big 12 schools.

K-State's recycling rate of 19 percent lagged behind the University of Texas (32 percent), who finished with a higher recycling rate than any other school in the conference, and though K-State finished with a higher per-person-recycling rate than KU, the University of Missouri finished with a per-person-average six pounds higher than K-State.

In comparison to other universities, K-State's recycling efforts may look anemic, but when held up to the recycling totals of the past, K-State begins to look like grass a few weeks after winter: slowly becoming green

"We've actually increased our recycling rate. It is about 40,000 pounds over last year's totals," said Joe Myers, supervisor of facilities and maintenance. "Last year's recycling rate was about 16 percent and this year we jumped up to 19 percent."

The increase has been steady over the years, Myers said. When K-State first joined the competition, the recycling rate hovered around 10 percent. Raised awareness and new recycling opportunities have boosted the university's recycling totals.

"I think the key to having a successful program

is the ease of it all," Myers

think that the more opportunities you give people to recycle, the higher your rate is going to be."

New recycling bins in the residence halls and around campus provide faculty and students with easy drop spots for recyclables, but the next big improvement to K-State's recycling rates will likely take more than plastic bins. Universities with more efficient recycling programs use a single stream system, which eases the burden on individuals

"With a single stream recycling system, you can put all recyclables

in one container and then ship it off together," Myers said. "A single stream system is kind of a nobrainer if you want to have a successful program. If it's not contaminated with body or food waste, it can be recycled."

A single stream system is a considerable investment, but K-State is beginning to show that it may not be averse to putting money into sustainability. This year, the university began renovating its recycling center.

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Lisle Alderton | Collegian
Bottles are piled up at
the K-State recycling
center on campus on
March 10.

Waste audit first step toward increasing recycling

Class collaborates with committee on project

Jena Sauber

K-State has been "going green" with recycling bins in the residence halls, campus buildings and outside locations, but one class is attempting to find out what more can be done. The Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences capstone class has joined forces with the K-State Recycling Committee to perform a campus waste audit. Their goal is to uncover what K-State is throwing away, and how to best handle it in the future.

"The project is for the capstone course for the secondary major natural resources and environmental sciences," Craig Ronnebaum said. Ronnebaum is a senior in the cap-

stone class pursuing the secondary major. "The purpose of the project is to help the recycling committee increase recycling rates on campus."

Currently, the rate of campus recycling is below 20 percent.

"We are hovering at a 15-17 percent recycling rate, so we have a lot of room for improvement," said Sabine Martin, coordinator at the K-State Center of Hazardous Substances Research. "We definitely can improve our recycling efforts."

In efforts to improve this number, the committee has partnered with the student group to perform a study of K-State waste.

"Currently, we don't know what our waste profile is," said Ben Champion, director of sustainability and member of the K-State Recycling Committee. "We know

how much in total weight we throw away now, but we don't know the proportions of different types of waste there are. We don't know how much is paper, scrap metal, food waste, plastic

bottles or other products."

In order to conduct the audit, class members are getting down and dirty, collecting a week's worth of trash from three different K-State academic buildings.

"We have started the waste audit

week with collecting trash and recyclables from Waters Hall," Ronnebaum said. "This week we have been collecting trash from Shellenberger Hall, and next week we will collect from Dole Hall."

Their goal is to sort through the trash and determine what recyclable products K-State students and faculty are throwing away. This will help them to understand the problem, and identify better solutions for the future. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the semester.

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Ethan Tegethoff | Collegian

Jonathan Holden, distinguished professor of English and Poetin-Residence at K-State, holds his newest book, "Glamour," in his office in Eisenhower Hall Thursday afternoon.

English professor, poet lives 'lucky life'

Multiple award-winner raised as an intellectual

Annarose Hart

Walk in the door of Eisenhower Hall, down the stairs to the basement, and through an old door, you might find a legend. In our world, the millennial generation has been accused of being self-absorbed and not appreciative of the beauty of life. Jonathan Holden is a distinguished professor of English, Poet in Residence and is also the former Poet Laureate of Kansas. Holden has been cultivating beauty and curiosity within students' minds through creative writing and poetry courses at K-State since 1978. The path to beautiful words has not always been visible in his lifetime.

Holden has published 22 books, in addition to over 200 poems published in professional journals. This success is not an accident, but it is a gift.

"I have an incredibly lucky life," Holden said. "It leaves me breathless."

Raised as an intellectual, Holden was raised by a modern genius. He is the son of Alan Nordby Holden

"My father was a highly successful physicist for Bell Labora-

tories," Holden said.

Holden's father left a distinct impression on him and his identical twin brother, Stephen, a film and music critic for The New York Times.

Keeping an open eye to the world has been the foremost aspect of their youth according to Holden. Keeping an open eye is a theme that is constant throughout Holden's poetry. "The Names of the Rapids" was written in honor of Holden's late father.

"Basically Alan was like me, he was an intellectual," Holden said.

His rich youth led him to Ohio, where he attended Oberlin College to study English. "It is one of the best liberal arts

schools in the country," Holden said.

Friends of his parents lived there, and it was the natural

there, and it was the natural place to go according to Holden. Oberlin College is where he was drawn to the wonders of poetry. Holden said his admiration for poetry was created by "studying the great poets of English literature."

He earned his bachelor's degree in 1963 in English. Holden

then pursued his master's degree in English with creative writing from San Francisco State College in 1970. Still enthralled with the beauty of poetry, he went to the University of Colorado to earn his doctorate in English in 1974.

"When I got my Ph.D. in English, my thesis was over the great Kansas poet Stafford," Holden said.

The late William Stafford is famous for "Traveling through the Dark."

With his doctorate, Holden published his first book, "Design for a House" and won the prestigious Devins Award, which was a guarantee for a job. He first went to Columbia, Mo. He taught creative writing and poetry for four years at Stevens College before he had the opportunity to apply to

K-State.
When the position for an English Professor opened at K-State in 1978, it was utterly competitive, according to Holden. The English literature world is still wildly competitive according to Holden. There is a constant drive to publish more books, "for prestige."

Throughout his book writing career, Holden has never used the same publisher. In the world of poetry, the author writes

a query letter to the publisher asking if they would like to read the manuscript.

"It is what all writers do," Holden said. "We query."

There has never been a time where there was a distinct focus

where there was a distinct focus on his work. "I have always done several

things at once," Holden said.

Holden does not write every day.

"Concrelly, Lam a morning."

day.

"Generally, I am a morning person," he said. "I do my best work then."

Holden said he usually wakes

up around 6 a.m. and writes when he has a good idea and the time to work it into a poem.

When Holden is not writing, he is preparing to teach classes.

"I love to teach them about the beauty and the wisdom that is in the best poetry," Holden said. "It is poetry that is both beautiful and memorable. You want to go back and re-read and re-read and to study it. I have loved all good poetry."

Edward Seaton selected Holden to serve on the Pulitzer Board to select the Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

in poetry. "It was wonderful," Holden

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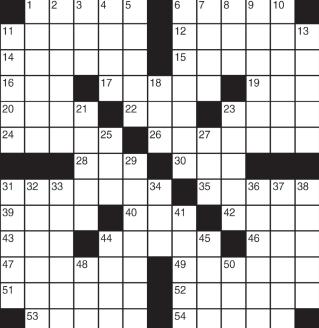
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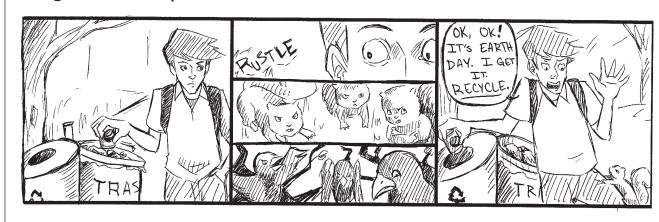


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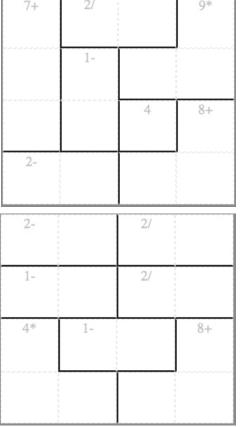
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We have a sorting facility which is partially operational now, and as that becomes more fully operational over the next year or two, we will have a greater capacity for recycling," said Ben Champion, director of sustain-

However, simply investing in sustainability is only one part of becoming green, Champion said.

"In order for those investments to pay off, we need to promote recycling even more than we already do. With any program like this, it's a combination of the infrastructure in place and how we promote that on campus and take advantage of it," Champion said.

Getting students and faculty involved is not easy.

"I think we learned that the behavior component of recycling is tough," Champion said. "Educating people and encouraging them to participate is tricky. It gets trickier every day with all the different priorities people have in their lives."

As the recycling center undergoes renovation, Champion and K-State prepare for another step toward sustainability.

"There are some major decisions to make, but I think we have the opportunity to make those decisions in ways that will create infrastructure for a program capable of handling more materials," Champion said. "Good education paired with an efficient system will help us reach those higher recycling rates."

HOLDEN | Moving on

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Holden's career has been filled with numerous awards.

"There are a whole bunch of awards we all strive for," Holden

According to Holden, the four main ones are the Devins Award, AWP Award, The Juniper Prize and the Vassar Miller Prize. He has won all four. Holden's next project will be

a critical study of Stephen Dunn. Holden is not certain how long the project will take, but refers to the old saying, "one forages into the unknown?

Holden has overcome many challenges throughout his career, his diagnosis of multiple sclerosis is no different.

"It slows me up a bit," Holden

Holden was diagnosed in 1988, and has, what he classifies as a mild case.

"I can walk," Holden said. "I

have an incredibly lucky life. It leaves me breathless.

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State Secretary of Agriculture shares future vision

Official: some department operations inefficient

Austin Enns coverage editor

In November, Sam Brownback, R-Kan. was elected as the new governor of Kansas, and since his inauguration he has started making appointments to various state agencies. Recently the new Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, Dale Rodman, spoke at K-State about the Department of Agri-

culture's mission. Rodman said he has a background in business, and said he views some of the Department of Agriculture's operations as inefficient. When Rodman first gained the office, he said he

of regulations and statutes they saw as inefficient. Overall his staff identified 110 statutes they would like to see eliminated.

We will promote Kansas agriculture and work with businesses so they know what rules affect them, and so we can get rid of excessive regulation," Rodman said.

As an example, Rodman pointed out that the Department of Agriculture regulates a variety of things not closely tied to agriculture like motels and hotels, restaurants and even gas stations. Rodman said having different inspectors for all those different things can be inefficient, and he is looking to decrease the regulations or the amount of inspectors. Giving inspectors multiple jobs could

Rodman also said technology will become increasingly

important for farmers. For students, technology is going to be fantastic," Rodman said. "Twenty years ago I remember when we got GPS and we were so excited. Let's stop and think what it's done for agriculture, and what it's done for farming."

Genetic engineering was one technology that was praised for its ability to increase crop years, and Rodman criticized Europe's ban on genetically engineered crops and said that European crop yields are far below what the United States can yield.

Rodman said he wants to help farmers be as successful as possible, and his job is to serve

"One of our major challenges going forward is standing

"We will promote Kansas agriculture and work with businesses so they know what rules affect them, and so we can get rid of excessive regulation."

> **Dale Rodman Kansas Secretary** of Agriculture

up for agriculture and feeding the people around the world," Rodman said.

Cody Barilla, senior in agronomy, said he enjoyed Rodman's perspective.

"I really enjoyed him, the thing I liked about him was he didn't act as a politician, he was acting like a business man," Barilla said. "And he was looking at it through businessman's eyes, and he wants the Department of Agriculture to work for Kansans so we can become more successful."

Gary Pierzynski, interim dean of the College of Agriculture, said he was glad to get a chance to hear Rodman speak.

"I thought it was good, it set a direction for his administration in the Department of Agriculture so we know now what to expect," Pierzynski said. "He hasn't been in the job very

AUDIT | Study looks at future of recycling

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"It's important to know how much of our total waste is recyclable," Champion said. "We have suspicions that it's a high amount, but we don't know for sure."

In addition, recyclables have a material value that Champion wants K-State to be able to take full advantage

"Certain things are worth certain amounts of money in recycling. You contract with people who take it and make it into different things," Champion said. "There is a market value for that, and we need to know what those values will end up being to K-State."

The study will also help the committee work toward future recycling goals, Ronnebaum said.

The recycling committee's goal is to increase recycling on campus to 50 percent in five years, so hopefully this project will help them achieve that goal," Ronnebaum said.

In addition, this study will help the committee, and others, make decisions about how to handle university recycling in the future.

"This will help us to decide we want to do a single stream recycling where it's all together. That's easier in the collection process, but we get paid less per pound. Is it worth our time and money to separate it all, or is it just better to send it all as a mixture of products? That will then shape how we invest in the recycling sorting facility and the collection process from here," Champion said.

To help educate students about their waste audit and recycling at K-State, the class will be displaying their progress in Bosco Plaza this after-

"We will have the results from Waters Hall displayed at our booth for Earth Day. We will also have a survey for students and faculty to fill out during Earth Day to try get the students and faculty's feedback on recycling," Ronnebaum said.

Members of the class group include seniors John Webber, Melinda Kahmeyer, Callie Miller, Brian Zinke, Ronnebaum and Kelsey Neppel. All class members are pursuing a secondary degree in natural resources and environmental sciences.

While the project will capture a glimpse of the K-State recycling situation, Webber warns that it will only capture a small part of the situation.

"Even though it's a great start, the waste collected is not a sufficient representation of the whole campus waste stream. We will recommend a more thorough collection and analysis in order to accomplish the Recycling Committee's 50 percent waste-recycling goal," Webber said. "There is simply not enough knowledge of K-State's waste in order to hold to this goal."

Even though it will not provide the entire picture of K-State waste and recycling, it may help the K-State Recycling Committee and K-State students make progress toward a higher rate of recycling in the future, Ronnebaum said.

"We think it is important that the campus as a whole realizes the importance of recycling in making K-State a more sustainable campus," Ronnebaum said.

Worlds collide in epic fighting game

"Mavel vs Capcom 3" ****

Game review by Jayson Sharp

After some prodding from friends, I decided to give "Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds" a shot, and liked what I found. "Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds" offers a fighting game that anyone could pick up rather quickly. With some memorization of key combo moves and special abilities, you can make your way to the end of arcade mode, or you can try and play through arcade mode as I did: a hamfisted button masher.

There was a lot of hype leading up to the release of this title, and there was even a series of animated trailers that showcased the many characters available. There are a lot of characters to try out: 19 from both Marvel and Capcom, making a total of 38 different characters you can unlock or download. Each character has idividual pros and cons: the Hulk, for instance, does an incredible amount of damage, but is also very large and easy to hit. The character Viewtiful Joe is shorter and can dodge many attacks because of his stature, though his damage output relies on combos rather than strong single hits. You also don't get just one character when fighting, you get three. During the fight, your allies can be used for an extra attack, or you can switch to

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one of your allies if your current characters health is low. With so many choices, players will spend a lot of time find-

ing their favorite setup.
There are two different modes of play: online and offline play. Offline play allows you to play through the arcade mode, which people who haven't played a game like this may find difficult near the end. I'm rather new to this style of fighting game, so my first instinctive tactic of button-mashing didn't really work against the last boss. Every character has their own comic book style ending, and the arcade mode is also how you unlock some of the available characters. The mission mode allows you to work through a series of missions that walk you through the different combos and special attacks of each character. After playing through the first couple of the missions from my Avengers team, I was able to play through the arcade

without losing a single battle. There is plenty of online

content available, and it seems more is on the way. You can download new characters, or even special computer player teams that are modeled after the developers of the game, for a small fee. The online play allows you to pit your skills against other humans over your chosen console's network system. I enjoyed playing with friends locally.

"Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds" doesn't have much of an extensive storyline, but that's not what this game is about. It's a game that anyone can find enjoyment from, even if they have never played a title like it before. The over-the-top attacks, combined with the pretty graphics, make this a good title anyone could add to their game shelf.

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A STEP BACK

History invaluable, taught incorrectly in schools



One of the primary advantages we have over non-human animals is the ability to massively and meaningfully accumulate knowledge. Most of us at K-State are currently dedicated to adding to our lifelong stock of information, but this activity becomes even more powerful when pursued on a societal scale. Every human society has made millions of internal and external decisions about how to regulate themselves and interact with other societies, setting up a massive scientific experiment on a historical timescale. Studying these decisions and considering their outcomes is the best way to make the right choices with regard to politics and culture in contemporary society. The problem is, a large stock of relevant information is being ignored.

In my experience as a student, tutor and teaching assistant, I've found that many of my peers have a serious lack of knowledge about the recent past. In his 2008 book "Just How Stupid Are We?" historian Rick Shenkman concludes that this serious lack of knowledge about politics, government and American history is widespread and significantly contributes to the ridiculousness of contemporary American politics.

Knowledge of recent history is critically important, because it explains how the American identity has formed, and how we arrived at the place we are today. According to "Lies My Teacher Told Me," by James Loewen, American history courses spend significant time on the American Revolution, the Civil War and World War II, but give very little meaningful treatment to the recent past. For example, "textbooks, on average, include more information on the War of 1812 than Vietnam, despite its smaller geopolitical and historical impact." As a result, many of my students and classmates know



little-to-nothing about the Cold War, the rise of conservatism, or how historical institutions like NATO function in today's geopolitical climate. This ignorance creates citizens that don't understand why America is economically and militarily dominant, and can't explain international animosity toward our nation. That's probably why people mistakenly assume "they hate our freedoms," instead of understanding how such opprobrium is a reaction to America's actions in the recent past.

Teaching history from the present backward is one possible solution, though our commitment to chronology might make it a less plausible solution. Doing so, however, would force teachers to adopt a better model of understanding history, taught as a set of competing interpretations rather than a series of objective facts.

Starting with the American Revolution encourages a "memorize these dates and people strategy," but starting with the Iraq war means considering various competing explanations for the invasion and subsequent quagmire. These topics

would also encourage students to ask their parents about recent geopolitical events and start conversations about what it means to be a citizen of modern America. Loewen warns that waiting to address controversial subjects like contemporary politics to allow "historical perspective" to figure out the "truth" is not just lazy, but dangerous. That's because "the farther in time we move from the events, the more likely we are to lose sight of the relevant facts and allow the dominant perspective of the time to define the conflict." Students today are being spoon-fed the dominant, American-centered version of history, because to the victor go the epistemological spoils. This version of history is dangerous, because it's inaccurate.

Finally, a heavy emphasis on the Revolutionary, Civil and Second World Wars is disempowering to minority students. Loewen indicates that these students perform worse in history class and on tests of historical knowledge, despite equal success in other subjects. This should come as no surprise; our focus on these three main wars is probably at least

partially intended to instill a since of civic pride in our political institutions, our ability to achieve moral progress and our global police role. But that history isn't as empowering for women and racial minorities, who due to systemic oppression played few key roles in these events. Contemporary history, however, is rife with positive female and nonwhite role models. Is it any wonder our federal government is composed largely of old white men when this demographic receives the lion's share of historical civic pride?

We are doing ourselves a massive societal disservice by ignoring much of the knowledge accumulated by the recent past. Ignorance of recent history is widespread and misinforms our contemporary political decisions; we've got to find a way to start teaching modern American history, whether by starting now and going backward or de-emphasizing the sacred cows of American history.

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Cuban transition of power offers unique opportunity



As a political science major who intends to work in an international relations-related field someday, I am well aware that I often care more about international incidents more than your typical college student — or typical American citizen, for that matter. I don't say this pejoratively; I have little doubt that engineering students care a lot about some incidents that I've never even heard of and I'm sure that English majors will often care more about the release of a new book than I will. I would argue, however, that the recent formal transition of power in Cuba is something that pretty much all majors should care about — something I don't say

Fidel Castro's slightly younger brother, Raul Castro — who is still older than the majority of us walking around on Earth — officially took power from Fidel after years of the more famous Castro brother having been in the background anyways. By itself, a formal announcement here might not be particularly newsworthy, but it is important to remember that

because of their respective ages, most analysts acknowledge that Raul Castro is a transition ruler himself, a figurehead to hold the reins until someone else is given the real authority in Cuba.

Many people had hoped a younger person might have been appointed as the next heir apparent, someone young enough to not still fairly hold grudges against America for little things like the Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis. These are events that literally happened lifetimes before many of us were born. Our current president, for example, was born the same year as the Bay of Pigs invasion, so I'm going to guess he doesn't remember it.

This wasn't what happened. Raul appointed the 80-year-

illustration by Kelsey Welliver old José Ramón Machado as his second in command. In an April 20 article from the Wall Street Journal titled "Cuba's New Guard From the Old Guard," Nicholas Casey explains that, "while the choice of Mr. Castro was expected, the appointment of Mr. Machado, a vice president and former

might introduce new faces to help manage major economic reforms that are planned." Basically, for those hoping for any kind of reform in Cuba, any kind of cooling of tensions, any kind of anything, really, this was a disappointment. But let us remember one thing: the old guard in Cuba will not last forever. Machado is 80 years old, even if he lives long

guerrilla fighter during the 1959 revolution, disappointed

those who thought the party

enough to take power in Cuba, he'd have to reach borderline biblical levels of longevity to rule the country for very long.

So while the Cuban government may be marketing this as a new era, it's really more like the end of an old one. This is why the Cuban people need to start making preparations now. As the last Cuban revolutionaries fade into the background — and that's just what they're doing — the newest generation of Cuban people have a chance to pursue democratic and, just as importantly, capitalist inspired reforms.

I'm not advocating direct intervention by the American government — I think that would be one of the worst things we could possibly do but it's certainly time we start re-evaluating Ćold War-era

policies. Does the embargo really serve the purpose it once did? The answer is pretty simple: no.

If we don't start offering support to the Cuban people, someone else will. In fact, they already are lining up. In an April 21 article on Fox News Latino titled "China offers support to Cuba on developing socialism," it is reported that "Chinese President Hu Jintao sent a message to Fidel Castro expressing his admiration and respect for the former leader after the 6th Cuban Communist Party Congress, and he offered Havana Beijing's help on the 'road of socialist development."

It may not mean much, but America needs to make it clear we're willing to offer an alternative. For all of his failures in terms of Cuban foreign policy, President John F. Kennedy always made it clear we would support any steps to make Cuba a democratic and free

nation. Obama merely needs four words to make our stance clear and he can even plagiarize three of them from his Chinese counterpart. America needs to offer Washington's help on the "road to democratic development."

Even if they don't take us up on it, we can at least say we

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LETTER TO THE EDITER:

Japanese residents grateful for support from community

On March 11, an unprecedented disaster devastated many coastal towns and villages in northeastern Japan. As the damaging influence of earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear power plant failures spreads throughout the nation, people here as well as all over the world have stepped forward to help Japan.

Friends, co-workers and neighbors have called to see whether our families back home are safe and have generously donated through their trusted venues. Relief fund boxes have been placed

at schools by students. Local business owners have contributed merchandise and artists have donated art work for charitable sales. There have been prayers and charity events hosted by K-State, including a weekly Japanese disaster relief table, sales of the "Pray for Japan" T-shirts and the Sembazuru (1,000 origami cranes) Japan Disaster Relief Fundraiser. The Central Kansas Japanese Festival held on the K-State campus earlier this month was another heartwarming opportunity to appreciate how much the people

here and elsewhere care. As of April 17, 13,802 lives have been lost, 14,129 people are missing and 136,535 people are without their homes. When an old woman stands forlornly where her family house used to be, when a fisherman collects the debris of what used to be his boat, and when a little boy goes back to school where the lives of more than a half of his teachers and classmates have been taken away, what is left of human strength can quickly dwindle. It is the outpouring support from people and the

nations around the world that sustains the lives and the spirit of the survivors. The U.S. military chose to call their Japan rescue mission "Operation Tomodachi (Friends)." Among other efforts, they played a major role in the reopening of the Sendai airport last week, a key air transportation hub that had been swallowed by the powerful tsunami. That and the naming of their mission symbolize the provision of both the physical and spiritual support desperately needed.

While we are horrified about the dire situation our

home country is facing now and in the future, we have been greatly touched and encouraged. We, the Japanese people in Manhattan, Junction City and nearby communities, would like to express our most sincere appreciation for the heartfelt support from these communities including K-State, with our deepest bow. Thank you --- Doumo arigatougozaimasu.

Japanese residents in Manhattan, **Junction City and surrounding**

Men's

VOLLEY-BONDING rugby to face KU Saturday

Sean Frye junior staff writer

K-State/Fort Riley Rugby Football Club will face the Jayhawks in a battle for the Governor's Cup Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. It will mark the last home game for the rugby team this year.

We are always excited to play KU, it is always a good and fun game," said junior lock Eric Looft. A lock is generally the tallest player on the team and is primarily used as the target on line-outs, where he is lifted by teammates as the ball is thrown back into play. "We look forward, especially, to the games we get to play them at home."

Last spring, K-State dropped its annual contest to KU by a slim margin, losing 25-24. That makes this spring's home matchup with the Jayhawks even bigger.

"We want to come out and hit them in the mouth this game."

> **Kenny Scott** senior fullback, rugby club president

"Every year we look forward to playing for them," said senior fullback and club president Kenny Scott said. "It's always going to be a big game, especially at home."

K-State's record is 5-2 this spring. Last weekend, K-State defeated the Missouri Tigers 47-26. The Tigers are ranked higher than the Jayhawks, but the intensity of the rivalry erases the meaning behind the rankings.

"Rankings don't really mean that much," Scott said. "Any day of the week, they can come out and play like all-stars. So rankings don't really matter. It's just going to be a matter of who comes out and plays better that

K-State had an impressive showing against the Tigers, but still had areas that the team wants to improve on going into the Governor's Cup. Both Scott and Joe D'Agostino scored twice. D'Agostino went 6-of-7 on conversions, which is a kick at the goal in an attempt to

score. "We did alright moving the ball around," Scott said. "But our defense could have been a lot better last weekend. That's the main thing we are working on. We want to come out and hit them in the mouth this

game." In addition to improving on their defense, K-State is looking to get in better shape as

"Our strategy is to always be in better shape," Looft said. "We always look to play quick and fast ball, especially since we usually are outmatched on

Since it is the last home game for K-State, the seniors on the team are looking to make their final Governor's

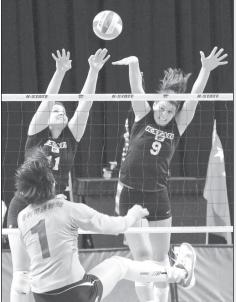
Cup count. This is obviously a big game for our seniors, being that this is the last time they get to play KU," Looft said.

Scott is one of those seniors. After failing to walk on to the football team, he chose to play

rugby.
"I got told to try rugby and I had always wanted to play in high school, so I came out and I was actually decent at it," Scott said.

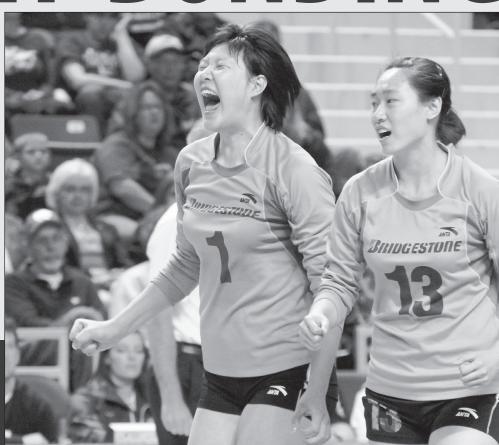
After that, he fell in love with the sport and the honor to have K-State on his jersey.

After their game against KU, K-State will go to Blaine, Minn., to play Texas State in the D-1 Sweet 16 game on April 30.



Above: Sophomore hitter Lilla Porubek (left) and junior blocker Alex Muff (right) attempt to block a spike by Tianjin spiker Zhang Xiaoyu Thursday evening in Bramlage Coliseum. Right: Spiker Zhang Xiaoyu screams in celebration after spiking the volleyball against the Wildcats.

Photos by Anthony Drath | Collegian



K-State loses to China, gains cultural experience

Paul Harris senior staff writer

China's Bridgestone Tianjin came into Bramlage Coliseum Thursday as the notable favorite. The team featured Olympic volleyball players and recent history of absolute domination. The team looked every bit of that in their match against K-State. Tianjin won every one of the five sets played.

Pockets of international students sat on the west side of Bramlage Coli-seum in support of Tianjin, while members of the Purple Pit crew urged the Wildcats on from the east side of the stadium.

Joy Chen, a junior in accounting at K-State, cheered on the opposition tonight. She is originally from China and played volleyball in high school.

Chen was in Bramlage to watch Tianjin play. She said she was definitely impressed with the team from her native country. "They are awesome,

especially number one (Zhang Xiayou)," Chen

Zhang Xiayou led Bridgestone with 19 kills.

Chen is unsure if she will watch any K-State games this fall due to her busy schedule, but she would like to see more teams like Tianjin come to K-State.

Head coach Suzie Fritz said there is currently nothing in the works, but she said when the opportunity presents itself, they will definitely take advantage of it.

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> Kathleen Ludwig junior opposite hitter

Iunior opposite hitter Kathleen Ludwig hopes the game will encourage international students to come out and support the Wildcats when fall rolls around.

The opposition was taken aback by the Purple Pit. Members of Tianjin stared in disbelief as the students tossed newspaper

Whether it was an emotional burst or catching a stunned Bridgestone player at the right time, K-State took a quick 4-1 lead in the first set. The Wildcats were able to stretch the lead out to five points and held a 9-4 advantage. Tianjin regained their composure and outscored K-State 21-12 the rest of the way.

The second set was forgettable as Tianjin went on an absolute tear, asserting themselves as the better team with a 25-12

advantage.
The Wildcats took the top-rated Chinese club team to the brink in the third set. K-State and Tianjin traded points until the latter finally asserted themselves on the 28th

and 29th points. Even though the was unable to win any of the five sets, the event was more than just a game for Tianjin and K-State.

Both teams signed autographs at the International Student Center earlier on Thursday and practiced together before the match. Fritz let the Tianjin coaches run the

teams' practice.

'That was very neat," said junior setter Caitlyn Donahue. "Coaches basically sat back and said, 'You're going go practice with them. Whatever they do, you do.' They were encouraging us and we were encouraging them. Their coach was just as hard on us as he was on his own team and I really enjoyed practicing with them."

Donahue was not ready to trade Tianjin's head coach Liu Xiaoming for Fritz just quite yet.

"All three of our coaches look a lot nicer," Donahue said.

Ludwig was equally grateful for the opportu-

"With all of the spring schedule and all of us being pretty busy, we didn't realize how great of an experience it would be," Ludwig said. "I knew right a way that once we met the girls last night that it was going to be a really great experience. It was really neat to communicate with them and just the way that we used our body language and found similari-

ties between each other." Charlotte Schartz, pres-

ident of the Manhattan Catbackers, hosted two of members of Bridgestone. She said it was easy to get other families to host members of the team during their short stay.

"[The response] was so immediate," Schartz said. "People were saying I'd love to."

Although her time was short with Li Shan and Li Juan, she said she enjoyed their time together. Schartz cooked a typical Midwestern meal for the girls including steak, pota-toes, corn casserole and a pumpkin dessert.

Schartz said the girls were grateful for the hospitality. She added that when the team travels through other countries besides the U.S., they do not stay with a host family. According to Shan and Juan, the United States is much friendlier than other countries.

Schartz said she would be more than happy to be a host family again, calling the experience "absolutely wonderful."

Tianjin will now head north to Lincoln, Neb., where they will take on the Cornhuskers.

Huljev's career over, Wildcats fight on

Danny Davis senior staff writer

Despite being down a player, the No. 45 K-State women's tennis team is hoping to finish its season with a win Saturday at the University of

Kansas. After losing senior Antea Huljev on April 10 against Missouri, the team made minor adjustments to the lineup. Huljev, the team's only senior, tore her ACL during the doubles match. The injury not only ended her season, but her tennis career as a Wildcat.

"Antea's had a great career, she's improved all the way through," said coach Steve Bietau. "She's been one of the most dedicated players we've

Bietau said Huljev was the best doubles player, fought through ups and downs and kept coming back. She was paired with freshman Petra Niedermayerova in the first position for the Wildcat doubles team.

"If every athlete made the effort that Antea does, most of them would be better," Bietau said. "That's what she's been all about."

According to Bietau, the Wildcats miss having her in the lineup, as she set a great example for many athletes through her love and enjoyment of the game. Huljev's career was one marked by a strong senior season cut short by something she had no control over.

Saturday, the Wildcats face the Jayhawks in their final regular season match.

"I think it's going to be a tough match," Bietau said. 'They've played close matches with Oklahoma State and Missouri. They're right in there. We're not in a position to take

anyone lightly. The match is critical because it determines whether or not the Wildcats will have

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a winning conference record and will determine their seed in the Big 12 Tournament, which begins April 28 in Waco, Texas.

Bietau said the team made

some progress last week in its matches against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Still, there are some improvements necessary to "feel like we're really playing well as a team."

Niedermayerova, currently ranked No. 49 in the country, leads the conference with a 8-2 record in the first singles position.

"In my opinion, she's the best number one player in the conference," Bietau said. "That makes her the best player in the conference."

Niedermayerova has the third-highest winning per-centage in K-State history with a record of 22-8 and was named Big 12 Player of the Week on March 29.

"I don't think we've ever had a freshman that highly ranked and have an impact nationally as she has," Bietau

2010-11 Tennis Results Overall: 14-6 Big 12: 5-5

Opponent Results

Jan. 21	New Mexico	W, 6-1
Jan. 23	Drake	W, 6-1
Feb. 5	Miami (OH)	W, 6-1
Feb. 6	at Iowa	W, 6-1
Feb. 12	LaLafayette	W, 6-1
Feb. 13	at North Texas	W, 5-2
Feb. 19	UALR	W, 7-0
Feb. 20	Tulsa	L, 4-1
March 4	Houston	W, 4-0
March 6	Wichita St.	W, 4-3
March 18	at Baylor	W, 4-3
March 20	at Texas Tech	L, 7-0
March 25	Texas	L, 5-2
March 26	Texas A&M	W, 5-2
April 1	Nebraska	L, 4-3
April 3	at Iowa St.	W, 5-2
April 8	Colorado	W, 7-0
April 10	Missouri	L, 5-2
April 15	at Oklahoma	L, 4-3
April 17	at Oklahoma St.	W, 4-3
April 23	at Kansas	

K-State survives against Red Raiders, series continues tonight



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Mike Kindel, junior outfielder, slides into second base during the third inning of the game against Missouri State at Tointon Family Stadium on

Tyler Scott senior staff writer

K-State clung to a 2-1 victory over Texas Tech at Tointon Family Stadium Thursday night. The Wildcats improved to 22-15 on the season, while the Red Raiders fell to 24-15.

Freshman pitcher Shane Conlon showed how youth can play a big part in a game by pitching a career high six and two-thirds shutout innings, which lowered his earned run average to 1.76. Conlon also had a career high in strikeouts with five and did not surrender a hit until the top of the fifth inning.

"Shane was outstanding," said head coach Brad Hill. "For a young guy to go out there for his first start against

one of the better hitting teams in the league is amazing. He had great composure on the mound."

Conlon said he did not feel nervous and just wanted to have a good outing. "I just wanted to give

the team a "I always have some chance to win because we nerves because had been in everyone in the Big every Big 12 game and our defense also 12 can hit." played well," Conlon said.

"The fastball command was also key for

me." The Wildcats left a few scoring opportunities on the field, but the two runs were enough to get by.

The first run came in the bottom of the second inning when freshman outfielder Jared King led off with a double to left field. Junior catcher Dan Klein hit a sacrifice fly ball to knock in Jared

bottom of the

third, fresh-

Kivett

man infielder Ross got an infield single

single James Allen then stole junior pitcher second base. With one out, junior infielder Jason King

tripled to right field, scoring Kivett. Texas Tech's only run of the game came in the top of

the eighth inning when Bar-

rett Barnes singled to left with two outs and scored Jamodrick McGruder. Junior pitcher James Allen

took the mound for the ninth inning, earning his 11th save of the season. Allen said he felt a bit nervous, but trusted the team to back him up. "I always have some nerves

because everyone in the Big 12 can hit," Allen said. "It's always a little nerve-racking but I always have the confidence in my team that we can get the job done."

K-State will look to continue the winning streak when the two teams continue the series tonight. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 at Tointon Family Stadium. The final matchup of the series will begin at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

DULL KNIFE

'Scream' villain follows same pattern, thriller lacks originality

"Scream 4" ****

Movie review by Patrick Bales

I am going to start this review by letting you all know I am not a fan of the "Scream" movies. I'm letting you know this now for two reasons. First, I want to assure you the two-star rating listed above is not from someone who usually loves the "Scream" movies. Second, I want you to know I am aware of my general dislike for the series, and I will try to not let that get in the way of discussing the film's

positives and negatives. The story in this sequel begins with Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) returning to Woodsboro to promote a new book about her experiences dealing with the aftermath of the Ghostface killings. But just as she returns, the blood bath begins. A new person has taken on the identity of Ghostface and they want Sidney dead. They'll even go after Sidney's teenage cousin (Emma Roberts) and her friends (Hayden Panettiere, Rory Culkin) to ensure that this massacre will be remembered forever. It's up to Sidney, Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox), and Sheriff Dewey Riley (David Arquette) to use their vast knowledge of the Ghostface killings to determine the

identity of the elusive killer. Just like in the other movies, there's much discus-

sion about the rules of a horror film. Specifically, "Scream 2" talked about the rules of a sequel, "Scream 3" discussed the rules of a trilogy, and now, "Scream 4" is all about the rules of a horror reboot. According to the rules of a reboot, everything is fair game. The killer can play by an entirely different set of rules or choose to ignore them entirely. So with the ability to change the rules, why does the killer here follow the same pattern? There's the elaborate death scene in the beginning, the Roger Jackson-voiced phone calls, the slow and steady killing of people connected to Sidney, and finally the big reveal of the killer at the end where they yap on for 10 minutes over why they chose to lead a psychopathic lifestyle. Throughout the course of these events, there are very few surprises. Ghostface predictably pops up and kills all of the people you expect to die, and the killer does it in a way that's very similar to the Ghostface killers of the past. It seems like a squandered opportunity for screenwriter Kevin Williamson to have a killer that follows the rules in an entry where there supposedly are none.

There is one surprising aspect of "Scream 4," and that is the revealing of the killer at the end. Not only are there quite a few suspects to choose from to make it surprising, but also it ends up being a brutal and bloody ride. It still seems like the



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makers were too concerned about setting this up for a possible "Scream 5", but overall, it is one of the stron-

gest endings in the series. "Scream 4" is also one of the bloodiest. The body count is about the same, but the kills involve a surprising amount of blood gurgling and ripped out intestines. If red corn syrup is what you're looking for, you will get plenty of it here.

The original "Scream" was released as a result of the tired and unoriginal slasher

films of the late '80s and early '90s. It was a breath of fresh air for horror fans because they were finally able to experience a slasher movie where the victims were just as aware of the horror movie rules as they were. The characters knew to never say, "Who's there?" or "Be right back," and they knew that having sex was practically a death sentence. When "Scream" was released, it reinvigorated the horror genre and made it cool again to watch a slasher

But in its fourth goaround, the "Scream" series feels as tired and unoriginal as the horror films it tried to distance itself from. The movies now have their own set of rules that are just as predictable as the rules of any other slasher film. This one especially feels worn down. Even with the surprising reveal of the killer and the increase in blood, "Scream 4" feels like the weakest entry of the series.

If you're still unsure

whether or not "Scream 4" is for you, let me leave you with this advice. If you want to watch "Scream 4" for the blood and the mystery alone, you will enjoy it. But if you were hoping this 11-year hiatus would somehow spur Kevin Williamson into coming up with something as original and entertaining as the first one, you will be sorely disappointed.

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Actors miscast, misused in mediocre film adaptation of novel

"Atlas Shrugged"

★★★☆☆

Movie review by Joshua Madden

I read the novel "Atlas Shrugged" in the summer before my senior year of high school and I am one of the hundreds, if not thousands, of people who can honestly say it changed their lives. It's a profound book that serves as a fascinating introduction to Ayn Rand's philosophy, her specific brand of libertarianism now known as objectiv-

Having read the book, I can safely say I was skeptical about how it could possibly be made into a film because, with the possible exception of the film's climax, it's simply not action heavy. It's an introspective novel that focuses a lot on ideological debates between characters. Most of the novel's most profound moments come in the form of long speeches — speeches that work well in text form but wouldn't translate very well to an exciting movie.



The film, which follows only about the first third of the book and is supposed to be the beginning of a trilogy, is wise enough to avoid falling into this trip and avoids having any long speeches. In fact, I would argue that "Atlas Shrugged" is significantly less preachy than 2005's well-received "The Constant Gardener," which many might recognize mainly for Rachel Weisz's Academy Awardwinning performance. This lack of didacticism is both a good and bad thing because it makes the film more watchable than it might have been otherwise but also sucks much of the power out of

"Atlas Shrugged." In terms of plot, "Atlas Shrugged" is the story of Dagny Taggart (Taylor Schilling). Dagny is the sister of a railroad president, James Taggart (Matthew Marsden) who

runs the company poorly and likely would have run it into the ground if it was not for Dagny, who was able to make up for all of his mistakes. As she struggles to keep the railroad afloat, she begins dealing with an inventive steel executive, Hank Reardon (Grant Bowler), who has created a new type of metal that is an improvement over steel in almost every way imaginable

I was personally surprised by how well the plot works on film — anyone who has read the book can tell you that it's not the plot that keeps you turning from page to page in "Atlas Shrugged." The climax of the film involves Reardon's new metal being tested on a mass scale for the first time and it's surprisingly exciting. You actually genuinely want to see Taggart and Reardon succeed — I won't spoil whether or not it does or how it's being tested, but it's not exactly a "Sixth Sense"-like twist.

Other than the fact that many parts of "Atlas Shrugged" are seemingly difficult to capture on film, the biggest problem with the movie is the acting. Let me be clear: the acting is not bad; some of the performances are arguably good. Schilling is terrifically believable as Dagney Taggart and I even thought Bowler's stoic performance as Reardon fit the character pretty well.

The problem is how the actors are used. Mardsen does a great job of acting as James Taggart, but I couldn't get over the fact he seemed miscast. I kept picturing a Kevin Smith-like figure as Dagny's lazy brother — that's how I remember picturing him in the book, but maybe I was wrong to begin with; instead Mardsen comes across as a manipulative but ambitious figure. It was strange casting, but I certainly can't fault Mardsen for doing a decent job with a role he just never seemed to fit.

Another thing worth noting is the actor in the film who is arguably most famous is also one of its least used. Edi Gathegi plays Eddie Willers, a loyal friend of the Taggart family. Many of you will

know Gathegi from his role in the "Twilight" series as Lau-rent or his role on "House" as Dr. Jeffery Cole, one of Dr. House's potential new employees who struggled to reconcile his Mormon beliefs with the demands of his job. He's not an A-list actor, but he's more recognizable than most of the cast, so I couldn't help but wonder why he was used so little in this film. To say he's underused in the film is an understatement — he's barely in the film.

Overall, "Atlas Shrugged" is not a bad film, but it's not great either. Fans of the book will be disappointed, but they might still find themselves mildly enjoying the film. I felt rather neutral about the film, maybe leaning toward the positive side. If you loved the book, you're going to go see the film with or without my recommendation, so just know to not expect something as powerful as the

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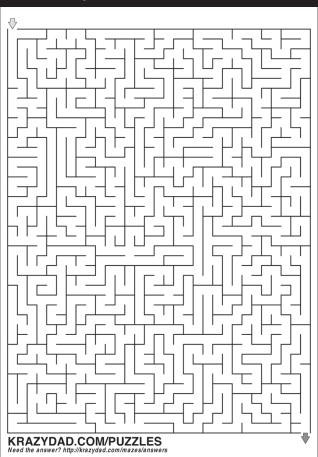
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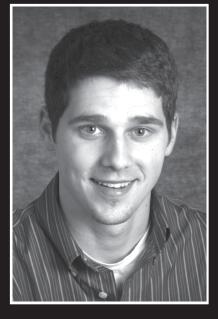
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Apple presents digital portfolios



Travis Heideman, Apple campus representative, speaks at a lecture for the promotion of digital portfolios in the K-State Student Union Thursday evening. Digital portfolios are being used more and more by job seekers as a competitive edge to other job seekers.

Chelsy Lueth photographer

It is that time of year when procrastinating graduating seniors realize they need to find a job in a mere few weeks.

With the job industry becoming increasingly competitive, it is essential for job seekers to apply the skills they have learned in college with technological advancements to let their true potential as an applicant shine.

On Thursday evening in the K-State Student Union, students and campus representatives for Apple gathered to discuss digital portfolios and their uses for potential job seekers. Travis Heideman, Ápple campus representative and freshman in marketing, gave a presentation about the ways Apple software could be used to create a digital portfolio.

'A digital portfolio is the closest thing to an online resume," Heideman said. "It's a way to market yourself via forms of media. It just makes it more personal, so having content like a video of yourself that you can't put that on paper."

Having a digital portfolio has several benefits for job seekers.

"It just gives it a more personal touch. I feel like it's definitely more modern, more updated," Heidman said. "I think if you can attract employers' attention in any way, shape or form with a digital portfolio, it would definitely be something that would set your apart from other

Students were specifically encouraged to use digital portfolios in their job marketing processes.

'With being a junior and getting ready to enter out into the job market and knowing what technologic ways to make your portfolio better, so I could be more competitive with everyone else," said Emily Dickerson, junior in interior design.

In the presentation Heidman showed the audience different avenues people might take in order to creatively display their work to potential employers. Using various Macintosh computer programs, such as iWeb and iMovie, along with online media, the students tried to create an online portfolio.

Harnessing the skills that people learn in college along with understanding technology is essential to being competitive in the job market.

"It's very beneficial as an interior designer to be able to show clients all of your projects and work that you've done. So by displaying it digitally, it's easier to send it to them so they can see it and they can display it large enough for them to view it," said

Brittani Weber, junior interior

After the presentation, Chris Loehr, K-State Union Computer and Bookstore Manager and Heidman talked one-on-one with people who had questions about Microsoft software and different techniques on how to advance their digital portfolios. In the future the bookstore will be hosting various events that will help students understand Apple software and digital port-



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The golfers will tee off today in the first round. Competition will continue

through Saturday.

The best Big 12 finish for the Wildcats was in 2009 when the team finished in fourth place. Last year, K-State finished in 10th place.

K-State's lineup will consist of sophomores Hanna Roos and Whitney Pyle, juniors Paige Osterloo and Ami Storey and freshman Gianna Misenhelter. Osterloo and Misenhelter have seen the most playing time for the Wildcats, having competed in 10 events this season. Storey and Pyle participated in nine

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Junior Paige Osterloo, looks after the golf ball she hit during practice at Colbert Hills on April 1.

and Roos hit the links in six events this year.

Osterloo'is the only player on the team who has finished in the top five this season, placing second at the Chip-N Club Invitational. Osterloo also has the second best average score of 77.

Pyle leads the team with an average score of 76. She finished in the top 10 twice and in the top 20 three times this

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the first round of competition, as weather.com predicts scattered strong storms in the area today with a high of 72. Saturday's forecasted high is 65 degrees with a 10 mph breeze.

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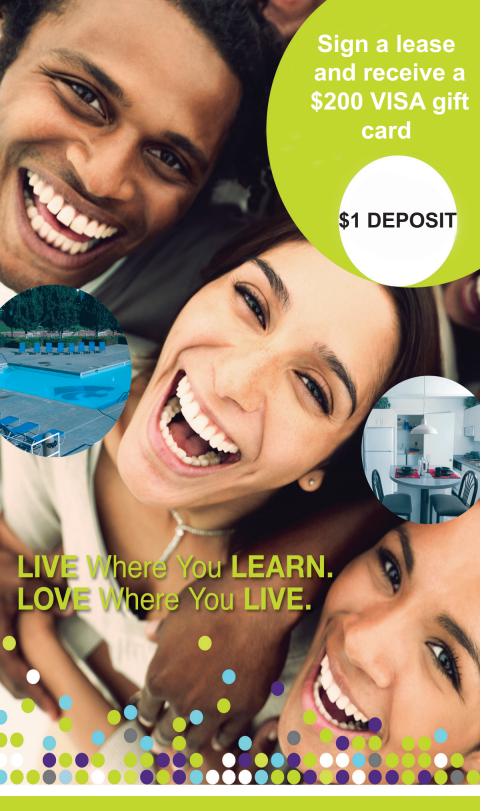
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